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In re Application of:  
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DECISION ON PETITION TO  
WITHDRAW THE HOLDING  
OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) filed on May 27, 2004, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the timely filing of a response to the Office action mailed October 29, 2003. The delay in responding to this petition is regretted, however, it has only just been brought to the attention of the deciding authority.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicant on October 29, 2003, setting a three-month statutory time period for reply. On May 18, 2004, the examiner mailed a notice of abandonment for failure to respond to the outstanding Office action.

Applicant states that a response to the Office action was filed on April 29, 2004, showing a Certificate of Mailing executed on the same date of April 29, 2004. Applicant also submits a copy of the post card identifying the various papers filed on April 29, 2004.

In view of this evidence, applicant is considered to have submitted a timely reply.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED** retroactively as the application is no longer in abandoned status.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.

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